

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air a documentary for clear political purposes, days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

The United States depends on a democratic process that functions without undue interference from a powerful corporation. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The airing of this documentary will do nothing to serve the public interest, but will drive the nation further apart to a level where "united we stand" will be impossible to achieve.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.